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## FY 2015 REGULATORY FEES

### SUBMARINE CABLE SYSTEMS

Each year, the Commission is required to collect regulatory fees. Licensees and regulatees are assessed fees as set forth in *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2015, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, (released September 2, 2015) (“FY 2015 Regulatory Fees, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking”). The Commission also publishes industry-specific guidance in *Who Owes Fees & What Is My FY 2015 Fee*, which can be found on the Commission website at <http://www.fcc.gov/regfees>.

The Commission’s automated filing and payment system (“Fee Filer”) is available for filing and viewing of FY 2015 regulatory fees. While FY 2015 regulatory fees will not become effective until the rulemaking is published in the Federal Register, regulatees at their own discretion may submit payments at any time before the effective due date of FY 2015 regulatory fees. **Regulatory fee payments must be RECEIVED<sup>1</sup> by the Commission no later than 11:59 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on September 24, 2015.**

In the *Submarine Cable Fee Order*,<sup>2</sup> the Commission changed its methodology for calculating regulatory fees for international submarine cable operators. This change in methodology became effective on July 15, 2009.<sup>3</sup> Hence, beginning with Fiscal Year 2009, the Commission calculates regulatory fees for international submarine cable operators licensed and operating on December 31 of the prior year on a per cable landing license basis, with a higher fee for larger submarine cable systems and lower fees for smaller systems.<sup>4</sup> This methodology does not distinguish between submarine cables operated on a common carrier basis and those operated on a non-common basis.

To assist submarine cable operators in making their FY 2015 regulatory fee payment, the Commission has compiled from public documents a listing of the international submarine cables licensed and operational on December 31, 2014 and the licensees associated with each cable.<sup>5</sup> The attached table

<sup>1</sup> The Commission has instituted a mandatory electronic payment policy, which means that licensees will no longer be able to make regulatory fee payments by check, money order, or cashier’s check. Only credit card, ACH, and wire transfer payments will be accepted. Please make sure that your electronic fee payment is made and the transaction is complete by the due date of FY 2015 regulatory fees.

<sup>2</sup> *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2008*, Second Report and Order, 24 FCC Rcd 4208, ¶ 1 (2009) (“*Submarine Cable Fee Order*”).

<sup>3</sup> *Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009*, Report and Order, FCC 09-62, (rel. July 31, 2009) at ¶ 9.

<sup>4</sup> See *Submarine Cable Fee Order*, 24 FCC Rcd at 4214-15, ¶¶ 13-18; see also 47 C.F.R. § 1.1156(c).

<sup>5</sup> See *2009 Regulatory Fee Order* at ¶ 29 (“the Commission in FY 2009 will publish a Public Notice that identifies the license holders for each submarine cable system.”)

identifies the submarine cable, licensee(s), the amount of fee based on the cable system's capacity, and other information relevant to each cable.

The Commission will only accept a single payment for the full regulatory fee obligation for each international submarine cable license. Therefore, it is very important for submarine cables with multiple licensees that the licensees determine amongst themselves the portion of the fee that each owes and how they will make a single regulatory fee payment. From the Commission's perspective, each licensee of a submarine cable is equally responsible for the payment of regulatory fees.<sup>6</sup> In the event of a non payment or underpayment, the Commission will hold each and every licensee equally responsible for the regulatory fee obligation.

### MANDATORY USE OF FEE FILER

The use of the online Fee Filer system for filing regulatory fees has not changed since the process was first initiated in FY 2009: licensees and regulatees must first enter the Commission's Fee Filer system with a valid FRN and password, and follow the online prompts to review their data and submit an electronic fee payment. Use of the online Fee Filer system is mandatory, and **payments in the form of checks, money orders, and cashier's checks are no longer accepted.**<sup>7</sup> In making a wire transfer, please fax the "[Wire Transfer Instructions](#)" from Fee Filer to the Federal Communications Commission at (202) 418-2843 at least one hour before initiating the wire transfer (**but on the same business day**) so as **not to delay crediting their account. These Wire Transfer Instructions contain valuable information (e.g. FRN, Voucher Number, Payer Name, and the Amount of the Wire) that will help to post the payment more quickly, and avoid costly delays that could result in penalties and interest for missing the payment due date.** Please note that most wire transfers initiated after 6:00 p.m. (EDT) will be credited the next business day.

### LIMITATIONS ON CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with U.S. Treasury Announcement No. A-2014-04 (July 2014), the amount that can be charged on a credit card for transactions with federal agencies has been reduced to \$24,999.99.<sup>8</sup> Previously, the credit card limit was \$49,999.99. This lower transaction amount is effective June 1, 2015. Transactions greater than \$24,999.99 will be rejected. This limit applies to single payments or bundled payments of more than one bill. Multiple transactions to a single agency in one day may be aggregated and treated as a single transaction subject to the \$24,999.99 limit. Customers who wish to pay an amount greater than \$24,999.99 should consider available electronic alternatives such as Visa or MasterCard debit cards, ACH debits from a bank account, and wire transfers. Each of these payment options is available after filing regulatory fee information in Fee Filer. Further details will be provided regarding payment methods and procedures at the time of FY 2015 regulatory fee collection in Fact Sheets, available at <https://www.fcc.gov/regfees>.

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<sup>6</sup> See *id.* 24 FCC Rcd at 4212, 4215, ¶¶ 6, 17

<sup>7</sup> Payors should note that this change will mean that entities that have previously paid both regulatory fees and application fees at the same time by paper check will no longer be able to do so because regulatory fees payments by paper check will no longer be accepted.

<sup>8</sup> Customers who owe an amount on a bill, debt, or other obligation due to the federal government are prohibited from splitting the total amount due into multiple payments. Splitting an amount owed into several payment transactions violates the credit card network and Fiscal Service rules. An amount owed that exceeds the Fiscal Service maximum dollar amount, \$24,999.99, may not be split into two or more payment transactions in the same day by using one or multiple cards. Also, an amount owed that exceeds the Fiscal Service maximum dollar amount may not be split into two or more transactions over multiple days by using one or more cards.

Regulatory fee payments that exceed the U.S. Treasury limit and are rejected by Treasury, causing a payment not to meet the required payment deadline, will be subject to interest, fees, and a 25% late payment penalty.

#### **NEW DE MINIMIS REGULATORY FEE LEVEL**

Regulatees whose total FY 2015 annual regulatory fee liability, including all categories of fees for which payment is due, is \$500 or less are exempt from payment of FY 2015 regulatory fees. The *de minimis* threshold applies only to filers of annual regulatory fees (not regulatory fees paid through multi-year filings), and it is not a permanent exemption. Rather, each regulatee will need to reevaluate their total fee liability each fiscal year to determine whether they meet the *de minimis* exemption. Regulatees are responsible for calculating their own total fee obligation to determine whether they qualify for this *de minimis* exemption. The Commission reserves the right to request documentation that supports a *de minimis* exemption claim.

To make a payment, please log into Fee Filer at ([www.fcc.gov/feefiler](http://www.fcc.gov/feefiler)), or click on the link (<http://www.fcc.gov/regfees>). For additional information, please refer to – “Regulatory Fees Fact Sheet – What You Owe – International and Satellite Services Licensees for FY 2015”.

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**U.S. Submarine Cable System Licensee Information**  
**International Cables Operational on December 31, 2014**

Capacity as of December 31, 2014

Category	Fee Amount	Fee Code	Cable System	Cable System Licensees	Grant Date	File Number
Less than 2.5 Gbps	\$7,175	1586	American Samoa-Hawaii Cable	American Samoa Hawaii Cable, LLC AST Telecom, LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications Samoa American Samoa Cable, LLC	1/16/2009	SCL-LIC-20080814-00016
10 Gbps or Greater, but Less Than 20 Gbps	\$57,350	1589	SMPR-1	St. Maarten International Communications Serries Inc. (SMITCOMS)	5/11/2004	SCL-LIC-20031209-00033
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	AAG System (Asia America Gateway Consortium)	AT&T Corp. Network i2i Limited CAT Telecom Public Company Ltd. Datastream Technology Sdn Bhd and Telekom Brunei Berhad Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia, Tbk StarHub Ltd. Telekom Malaysia Berhad Telstra Corporation Ltd. Vietnam Posts and Telecommunications Group	07/3/2008	SCL-LIC-20070824-00015
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	AmeriCan-1	CNCS Inc. Ledcor Industries Inc. Marine Cable Corporation Allstream Fiber US, Inc.	8/21/1998	SCL-LIC-19980123-00002
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	America Movil Submarine Cable (AMX1)	Latam telecommunications L.L.C. Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. Claro Chile, S.A.	1/31/2013	SCL-LIC-20120330-00002

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20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Americas-Region	ARCOS-1 USA, INC.	7/2/1999	SCL-LIC-19981222-00032
			Caribbean Ring System	A. SUR Net, Inc.		
			(ARCOS-1)	Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico		
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Americas-II	AT&T Corp.	11/10/1998	SCL-LIC-19980429-00019
				AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc.		
				IDT Corporation		
				IMPSAT USA, Inc.		
				MCI International, Inc.		
				Primus Telecommunications, Inc.		
				Sprint Communications Company L.P.		
				Tata Communications (America) Inc.		
				Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico		
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Antillas-1	Telefonica Larga Distancia De Puerto Rico (TLD)		
				AT&T Corp	7/2/1996	SCL-LIC-19950818-00001
				MCI International, Inc.	7/2/1996	SCL-LIC-19951013-00002
				Primus Telecommunications, Inc.		
				Sprint Communications Company, L.P.		
				Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico		
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Antillas Crossing System	Telefonica Larga Distancia De Puerto Rico (TLD)		
				Antilles Crossing-St. Croix, Inc.	1/15/2004	SCL-LIC-20031125-00032
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Apollo Cable	Cable & Wireless Americas Systems, Inc.	6/8/2001	SCL-LIC-20010122-00002
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Atlantic Crossing (AC-1)	Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.	9/23/1997	SCL-LIC-19970506-00003

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20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Australia-Japan Cable	Australia-Japan Cable (Guam) Limited AT&T Corp (AJC (Guam) Limited is the sole license holder. AT&T manages the cable station for this cable. AT&T is one of the owners of AJC (Guam) Limited. AT&T is not on the license.)	12/8/2000	SCL-LIC-20000629-00025
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Bahamas Internet Cable System (BICS)	Caribbean Crossings Ltd.	6/20/2000	SCL-LIC-20000118-00001
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Bahamas II	AT&T Corp. MCI International, Inc. Primus Telecommunications, Inc. Telefonica Larga Distancia De Puerto Rico (TLD)	8/6/1996	SCL-LIC-19960329-00128
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	CB-1 System	MFS CableCo U.S. Inc. Cedar Cable Ltd.	02/20/2009	SCL-LIC-20080603-00011
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	CFX-1 Cable System	Columbus Networks USA, Inc.	2/11/2008	SCL-LIC-20070516-00008
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	China-U.S. Cable Network	AT&T Corp. Guam Cable Group, Inc. MCI International, Inc. Sprint Communications Company, L.P. Tata Communications (America) Inc. WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	8/28/1998	SCL-LIC-19980309-00005
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Columbus-III	AT&T Corp. MCI International, Inc. Primus Telecommunications, Inc. Tata Communications (America) Inc. Telefonica Larga Distancia De Puerto Rico (TLD)	8/20/1999	SCL-LIC-19980527-00007

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20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	FLAG Atlantic - 1	Reliance Globalcom Limited	10/1/1999	SCL-LIC-19990301-00005
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Gemini Bermuda System	Cable & Wireless Network Services Limited MFS CableCo U.S., Inc.	3/7/2008	SCL-LIC-20070925-00017
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Global Caribbean Network (GCN)	Global Caribbean Network	9/13/2005	SCL-LIC-20050418-00010
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	GlobeNet - Atlantica-1 & BUS-1 (marketed as one cable - under GlobeNet)	Brasil Telecom of America Inc.	12/10/99 4/2/2003	SCL-LIC-19990602-00010 SCL-ASG-20030205-00004
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	HANTRU1 System	Hannon Armstrong KCS Funding, LLC Truestone, LLC	6/11/2009	SCL-LIC-20090302-00005
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Hibernia Atlantic Cable System	Hibernia Atlantic U.S. LLC	1/14/2000	SCL-LIC-19990804-00012
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Honotua Cable System	Office des postes et Telecommunications de Polynesie francaise (OPT)	12/7/2010	SCL-LIC-20081008-00017
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Japan - U.S. Cable Network	AT&T Corp. MCI WorldCom, Inc. Pacific Networks Limited Qwest Communications Company, LLC Reach Global Networks Limited Sprint Communications Company L.P. Tata Communications (America) Inc. Williams Communications, LLC	7/9/1999	SCL-LIC-19981117-00025

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20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	MAYA-1	AT&T Corp. MCI WorldCom, Inc. RSL COM U.S.A. SPRINT Communications Company L.P. Tata Communications (America) Inc.	11/18/1999	SCL-LIC-19990325-00006
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Pan America Cable System	AT&T Corp. Enron Broadband Services, Inc. (DIP) MCI International Inc. Primus Telecommunications, Inc. Sprint Communications Company L.P.	1/20/1998	SCL-LIC-19970421-00002
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Pacific Crossing Cable (PC-1)	PC Landing Corp.	11/23/1998	SCL-LIC-19980807-00010
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Pan American Crossing Cable (PAC)	Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.	3/18/1999	SCL-LIC-19981103-00022
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	PPC-1 System	PPC 1 (US) Inc. PPC I Limited	9/11/2008	SCL-LIC-20080213-00001
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	South America-1 (SAm-1)	TI Wholesale Services Puerto Rico, Inc. Telefonica International Wholesale Services USA Inc.	8/10/2000	SCL-LIC-20000204-00003
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	South American Crossing Cable (SAC)	Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.	2/17/2000	SCL-LIC-19990823-00015



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20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Southern Cross Cable	MFS International, Inc.	2/13/1998	SCL-LIC-19971014-00009
			System	Pacific Carriage Limited	8/20/1998	SCL-LIC-19971014-00009
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Taino-Carib Cable	AT&T Company	7/6/1992	SCL-92-002
				MCI International Inc.		
				Primus Telecommunications, Inc.		
				Sprint Communications Company L.P.		
				Telefonica Larga Distancia De Puerto Rico (TLD)		
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	TAT-14	AT&T Corp.	10/1/1999	SCL-LIC-19990303-00004
				Cable & Wireless Global Networks Ltd.		
				KDD America, Inc.		
				MCI International, Inc.		
				Sprint Communications Company L.P.		
				Tata Communications (America) Inc.		
				Telenor Global Services AS		
				TeliaSonera International Carrier, Inc.		
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Telstra Endeavour	AT&T Corp	5/7/2008	SCL-LIC-20070621-00009
				Telstra Incorporated (Telstra USA)		
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	TGN Atlantic	Tata Communications (America) Inc.	8/8/2000	SCL-LIC-20000308-00007
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	TGN Pacific	Tata Communications (America) Inc.	12/8/2000	SCL-LIC-20000717-00026
				Tata Communications (Guam) L.L.C.		

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20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Trans-Pacific Express Cable	MCI International, Inc. (Verizon)	01/11/08	SCL-LIC-20070222-00002
			Network (TPE)	AT&T Corp.	4/10/2008	SCL-MOD-20080321-00003
				China United Network Communications Group Company Limited		
				China Telecom		
				China Unicom		
				Chunghwa Telecom		
				KT Corporation		
				NTT Communications Corporation	6/05/2009	SCL-MOD-20080714-00012
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	Unity Cable System	GU Holdings Inc.	10/8/2009	SCL-LIC-20080516-00010
				Bharti Airtel Limited		
				Global Transit Ltd.		
				KDDI Corporation		
				Pacnet Services (USA) Inc.		
				Singapore Telecom USA Inc.		
20 Gbps or greater	\$114,700	1590	U.S. - U.K. Cable - Yellow	Level 3 Communications LLC	1/21/2000	SCL-LIC-19990913-00019
			Project & AC-2	Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.	11/8/2000	SCL-MOD-20000511-00018
			(one cable license, marketed as two cables)			